



Archaeology News



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- **DHPA Announces the Launch of SHAARD GIS-** The State Historic Architectural and Archaeological Research Database (SHAARD) is an ongoing project for the staff of the DHPA with the final goal of including all of the survey information gathered over the years and currently housed in the office of the DHPA. It currently contains over 80,000 historic and archaeological site records from around the state including records for National and State Register properties, historic bridges, historic theaters, cemeteries, and archaeological sites. The DHPA staff is in the process of entering archaeology records, with new sites being added daily.

In addition to archaeology records, a new section of SHAARD allows for the input and retrieval of archaeology reports. Not only are old reports being scanned and attached to the database, but qualified archaeologists can also attach their new reports to the database.

In addition to the database portion of SHAARD the DHPA has been working to digitize site locations from existing survey data through different initiatives. The digitized site locations are incorporated onto an interactive map - SHAARD GIS. SHAARD GIS is linked with SHAARD to allow individual site information to be viewed without having to have multiple browsing windows open.

A guide booklet has been created to help archaeology users search the database, input records and attach reports, and use SHAARD GIS. You can download a copy of the guide at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/4505.htm>.

- **Archaeological Site of the Month**— The following text comes from the Schurr and Rotman (2010) article in *Indiana Archaeology* 5(1) and summarizes well the importance of the Collier Lodge site (12Pr36). The site is a relatively small archaeological site with an unusual time depth and high density of archaeological features. It is located in Porter County, Indiana at a historically important location that provided one of the few places the Kankakee Marsh could be easily crossed. Archaeological investigations have shown the site contains artifacts and features that can be used to address a host of research

questions about the prehistoric and historic archaeology of northwestern Indiana. As an unplowed site with intact prehistoric and historic cultural deposits, the Collier Lodge site provides an 11,000 year long archaeological record that at this time appears to be unique in northwestern Indiana.

The site was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2009. To learn more, go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/files/hp-IndianaArchaeology2010.pdf>.



Historic brick hearth at the Collier Lodge site. (Schurr and Rotman 2010).

- **Upcoming Poster Presentation-** Rachel Sharkey, DHPA's Records Check Coordinator, will be presenting a poster at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists titled "A Paleopathology Case Study from the Midwestern Archaic" with Dr. Christopher Schmidt and Anna-Marie Casserly of the University of Indianapolis. The meeting will be held April 9-13, 2013 in Knoxville, Tennessee.
- **New State Plan on the Web-** Indiana's Cultural Resources Management Plan for 2013 to 2019 is now available at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/7290.htm>. The National Historic Preservation Act requires each State Historic Preservation Office to prepare and implement a comprehensive plan for cultural resource management. This plan must be developed with very broad-based public input, not just feedback from preservation and archaeology constituents. In addition, the plan must fit the state's unique circumstances and characteristics, consider the full range of cultural resources present in the state, encourage consideration of preservation concerns within planning efforts at all levels, and it must be implemented by routine operations of the State Historic Preservation Office. Finally, expenditure of federal Historic Preservation Fund grants to the state must be linked to and guided by the cultural resource management plan. Periodically, this plan must be revisited and revised so that it remains current.

The intentions of the goals, objectives, and strategies contained in the plan are to coordinate heritage-related activities, guide preservation-related decision-making at all levels, encourage collaboration and partnerships where possible, broaden awareness of

and appreciation for cultural resources, and make support for preservation a mainstream value among Hoosiers. The plan is for us all, so we encourage you to read and use this new document!

- **Local Outreach-** DHPA Archaeologist Wade T. Tharp gave a presentation titled "Archaeology in Your Community," at the Sciencetech Club in Indianapolis, Indiana. The free presentation was given on Monday, February 18, 2013, at noon. To learn more about the Sciencetech Club, a forum for the interdisciplinary exchange of technical information in central Indiana, feel free to go to <http://www.sciencetechclub.org/>.



- **Historic Preservation Fund Grant Priorities Available for Public Comment-** Every year the DNR Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA) revises the priorities by which the federally-funded Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant applications are evaluated. The priorities are established within the parameters of the National Park Service's Historic Preservation Fund Grant Manual, and represent the types of projects that the DHPA view as important to its mission to identify, document, investigate, preserve, and interpret cultural resources in Indiana.

The HPF Program Guidelines and the FY2014 evaluation criteria for Administrative (which applies to all categories), Architectural & Historical, Archaeology, and Acquisition & Development are being provided on the DHPA website (www.IN.gov/dnr/historic) for public review and comment. Please provide any comments to the DHPA Grants Staff by Friday, April 19, 2013. All public comments must be received in writing. Send comments by fax to 317-232-0693, by e-mail to skennedy@dnr.IN.gov, or by mail to DHPA Grants Staff, 402 W. Washington St., Room W274, Indianapolis, IN 46204. All public comments received will be presented at the meeting of the State Historic Preservation Review Board on April 24, 2013.

Please note that the Priorities are only one part of the grant application packets, and the DHPA is not accepting proposals at this time. Complete FY2014 packets for with application instructions will be available on the DHPA website around August 1, 2013.

- **Outreach Activity-** On Wednesday, February 13, 2013, Dr. Rick Jones and John Carr of the DHPA gave a presentation regarding tips for submission of projects for quicker and more efficient review to a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) class. The class was held in the Indiana Government Center South, Indianapolis.

This information is distributed via email by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA). This is meant to provide information on current archaeological topics and issues in which the DHPA is involved. An archive of past *Archaeology News* issues is available at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/historic/3673.htm>. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our office at 317/232-1646.



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Indiana Archaeology Month (September) webpage-
www.IN.gov/dnr/historic/archeomonth.html

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Mission Statement: *The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology promotes the conservation of Indiana's cultural resources through public education efforts, financial incentives including several grant and tax credit programs, and the administration of state and federally mandated legislation.*

